

Financial problems plague health unit

The Sturgeon Health Unit almost had to curtail its services in July because some of the municipalities that finance it were behind in their payments.

"It was a very narrow escape," Dr. J. M. Howell, director on the unit's board and medical officer of health said Tuesday. "We were broke. We very easily could have been forced to curtail the program."

Dr. Howell said three municipalities were behind

three months and the crisis was alleviated only when one came through with the back payment and also paid three months in advance.

In view of the crisis, the board of the Sturgeon Unit voted at its last meeting to approach the provincial department of health for additional funds to ensure the maintaining of services at existing levels.

The department now provides the unit with money

throughout the year and also supplies a supplementary grant each March 31. The board is asking that the amount of the supplementary grant be made known much earlier so it can make plans accordingly.

The board has budgeted for a \$20,000 deficit this year, over and above the supplementary grant.

Dr. Howell said the matter of receiving payment from the municipalities was a re-

curring problem and was most critical in mid-year.

"They face delays in collecting their tax money," he said, "so then some of them can't pay us. Many would have to borrow the money to do so."

The health unit does not have the authority to borrow money for itself.

In other matters the board decided:

To approach the board of the Sturgeon General Hospital

with a view to establishing a department of preventive medicine in the hospital.

To have a special meeting early in October to prepare resolutions for the minister of health concerning the future of preventive health services.

To sponsor a conference in the fall for interested organizations in St. Albert on the subject of aging.

To begin service to the Fort Assiniboine and Swan

Hills areas on Sept. 1.

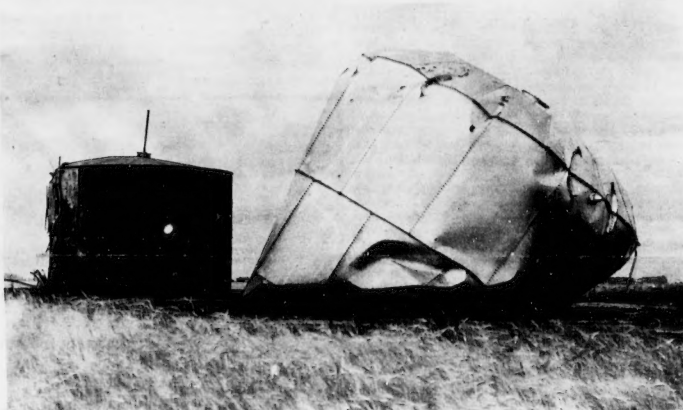
To make no charge for sampling private water supplies (some units do).

The board also announced three new staff appointments: Glyn Williams will become public health inspector for Westlock; Miss Phyllis Craig will be staff nurse for the Thorhild-Newbrook area and Mrs. Amy Olson of St. Albert will be staff nurse for the Morinville-Gibbons area.

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Lots of activity on building and business fronts



Lightning hits crude oil tank

A large crude oil storage tank, estimated at 35,000 gallons, was hit by lightning Monday evening half a mile north of Morinville. The huge tank was blown away from its base and landed near the old No. 2 highway in a blazing debris. Soon a second tank of the same size was also

ablaze, and was reported to have blown by 2 p.m. but was still standing on its base afterwards. This battery of crude oil tanks was a booster station for the local pipe lines of the district. Further information was not available late Tuesday night.



Swimming pool supervisor and instructor Bernie ... explains artificial respiration to members of a life-saving class at the St. Albert pool.

Bus to U of A may be needed

Town council feels there may be a need for a bus service to transport students and staff from St. Albert to the University and to NAIT. They recently interviewed Mr. MacMurray of Western Bus Lines on the matter. The bus line has decided to survey the town to find out whether a sufficient number of people would make use of such a bus to make it practical to establish the service. This will be decided on the number of passes which can be sold in advance for the period September to December.

An advertisement in this issue of the Gazette contains a questionnaire to be filled out by anyone interested and forwarded to the company.

Building and business development in St. Albert appears to be booming.

Figures released by Building Inspector Jim Roberts on Tuesday show that 127 building permits valued at \$1,400,404, had been issued to the end of July.

The totals for all of 1968 were 134 permits and \$3,039,326, but the latter figure received a \$2,050,000 boost from the Sturgeon General Hospital.

To date there have been 79 single-family dwelling permits issued and one each for a 24-suite apartment, a four-plex and a semi-

detached unit. This means 108 living units have either been constructed or are under construction in St. Albert this year. There were only 14 single-dwelling permits issued in 1968.

Residential development is proceeding in West Grandin Place and East Braeside, and commercial development is planned for the downtown area and along the St. Albert Trail.

Alcan is already clearing the site for the second phase of its development in Braeside and will probably open up another 150 lots.

Braeside booming

Quality Construction is opening up 40 lots on the Lorne Akins' property bordering Alcan. And to the south of Alcan, just east of the Sir Alexander Mackenzie and Paul Kane schools, Joe Jerry has a development planned.

In West Grandin, Integrated Developers have cleared land and one building permit has already been issued. Five more are waiting to be picked up. There are 85 lots in the development, which is on riverlot 53.

Mayor Ray Gibson said Tuesday that there have also been some feelers for development of riverlot 54, just west of 53.

Mr. Roberts said there is a firm proposal by A and P developments for a 24-suite apartment building on Gainsborough Avenue just off Grosvenor Blvd.

There is also a proposal in the works for a 14-suite apartment building at 30 Mission Avenue and a six-suite apartment on Sunset Blvd. at Edmonton Road.

Plans are also still under way for a hotel and shopping complex on Sir Winston Churchill Avenue south of the Grandin Shopping Centre. A Texaco service station service is planned for the corner immediately south of the Town Hall.

Motel planned

A 21-unit Motel is planned for the site south of the Grandin Esso service station and International Harvester will locate a dealership on the highway on the east side of Highway 2 north of the road running alongside Sturgeon river.

Northern Electronics is planning to locate a television repair shop on St. Anne Street behind Perron's store. Norway Construction has just located south and east of the old monomold

plant on the dump road, and conversion of the monomold plant to a plastics factory are at present under way.

The Sturgeon General Hospital is almost closed in and the Edmonton and the board of the Rural Auxiliary Hospital and Nursing Home District is looking for a site in St. Albert to erect a 100-bed auxiliary hospital.

It has been, it is and it appears it will continue to be, a busy year in the development of St. Albert.



WINTERBURN TOMAHAWK PLAYERS STRIVE FOR SUCCESS
... in a losing cause against tourney champions Mayerthorpe Mustangs

Mayerthorpe takes 1st prize in Lions ball tournament

Mayerthorpe Mustangs won top money of \$150 and the Bruin Inn Trophy, in the St. Albert Lions Club first annual baseball tournament at the weekend.

Mustangs scored six runs in the bottom of the fifth inning of the final and hung on for an 8-7 win over St. Albert Willowbrook Oilers.

It was an uphill battle for Mayerthorpe until their big inning, as Oilers seemed firmly in command. Going into the bottom of the fifth, Oilers held a 6-1 lead. They

came out of it down 7-6.

Mustangs got an insurance run in the sixth, then were blanked through the seventh and eighth innings. Leading off the top of the ninth, Larry Mitchell, batting for Lou Martineau, doubled, scooted to third after a fly to centre and home after a fly to left.

They never got another look, however, as Arnie Bailey, who had been one of their big men at the plate throughout the tournament, finally got caught by the

odds and struck out.

After Oilers got their early lead, Mustangs' pitching just caught up with them. Art Rechlo, who had sidelined Leduc 5-1 with a three-hitter in the semi-final, came on in the sixth inning and pitched shutout ball to preserve the win.

In 13 innings over today, Rechlo gave up one run. That was only half his personal story, however. In the morning he pitched six innings in a game at St. Paul before motorizing to St. Albert. It was a herculean effort.

In the other semi-final, St. Albert defeated Vimy 6-1 with three runs in each the second and third innings.

St. Albert collected \$100 for finishing second and Leduc and Vimy each won \$50.

In the opening round, St. Albert defeated Morinville 8-7; Mayerthorpe defeated Winterburn 5-1; Leduc defeated Kinuso 2-1 in four extra innings; and Vimy defeated Weiller-Williams Colts from Edmonton 3-1.

The 11-inning affair between Kinuso and Leduc was one of the top games of the tournament. A pitchers' duel all the way, Todd Hannas emerged the victor for Leduc with a two-hitter. He faced only 40 batters, seven over the minimum. Olsen, the loser, faced 42 batters for Kinuso.

Oilers had to score two runs in the last inning to defeat Morinville in their opening game. Morinville scored five runs in the top of the third inning to take a 7-3 lead. Oilers just kept pecking away, however, and finally pulled in front. Henry Hodgson started for Oilers but had control problems and only managed to go two innings. Bert Kenny came on to hold Morinville off the scoresheet and gain credit for the win.

Oilers lost the services of outfielder Richie Perrault when he was hit by a pitch, taking a clip-out of his elbow. Fred Reeler went all the way in toping Vimy 6-1 in the nine-inning semi-final. He got solid hitting support from Bailey, Hodgson and George Fraser. In Oilers

two big innings Bailey singled twice, Fraser had a home run and double and Hodgson had a home run. Hodgson also hit a two-run homer in the fifth inning of the final to boost Oilers' lead to 6-1.

In the bottom half of the inning, Oilers nightmare went like this. Starter Fred Hodgson walked the first two batters and manager Bob Mulloy lifted him in favor of Hal Gerin. He pitched to four batters, giving up two hits and a walk but getting one out on a fielder's choice.

Mulloy waved in Hank Reinbolt and Oilers might have been out of trouble except errors now crept into the script. Henry Hodgson, after snaring a sharp grounder, fired the ball high over first baseman Bailey's head. Then Bailey dropped a low throw. By this time six runs were in and Mayerthorpe was in the lead. Reinbolt got the next two batters to end it. Mayerthorpe left 14 men on base in the game. St. Albert left eight.



LIONS PRESIDENT ROCK HOLMAN
... throws out first ball in tournament

No change in standings

The St. Albert Fire Department's Bantam Baseball League got in one set of games last week but rain has washed out any further action. Senators and Dodgers remained deadlocked for first place as each picked up wins.

Senators defeated Angels, who are tied for last place with the hapless Pirates. Senators and Dodgers each have five wins and a loss. Angels and Pirates have each won once in six starts.

Local ball team loses

A team of St. Albert bantam and Little Canadian baseball players travelled to Manola for a game Sunday

and came out on the losing end of a 22-5 count.

They will get a chance for revenge, however, as Manola will visit St. Albert for a game on Mission Park Diamond Saturday Afternoon.

It was a close game for two innings but then the St. Albert defence fell apart, several errors giving Manola six runs in the third inning. It was a pattern that was to continue the rest of the game.

Dale Reinbolt started the game and took the loss, but poor support brought about his downfall.

Tennis duet loses out

Mrs. Betty Outken and Mrs. Judy Wood of St. Albert lost out in their bid for a provincial tennis title at the weekend.

Travelling to Calgary for the provincial championships on Saturday, they bowed out in their opening game of the straight-knock-out doubles competition to the top seeds 6-4, 6-4. Mrs. Outken recovered from the shaky start in the singles competition, however, and advanced to the quarter-finals before bowing out.

Mrs. Wood was not entered in the singles competition.

Mrs. Outken and Mrs. Wood are Edmonton city doubles champions.

Addition set for pool deck

An Incline deck will be built around the south and east sides of the St. Albert swimming pool.

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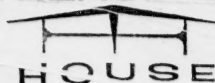
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Locals place high in essay contest

Three St. Albert youngsters have placed high in an essay contest sponsored by the Sturgeon Health Unit. Leo Perras placed third in the section for essays on mental health and Rita Cloutier and Daryl England tied for fourth place in the section dealing with noise.

Dr. H. Buchwald of the division of industrial health services, judged the essays on "Noise on the Farm and in the Community—A Modern Health Hazard. George McLellan, president of the Alberta Division of the Canadian Mental Health Association, judged the essays on "Mental Health in School."

Maureen Houle of Westlock, who placed first in the mental health section, was

awarded the Health Education Trophy. Crystal Blair of Westlock was second in the mental health section and Jennifer Deacon of Westlock was fourth.

Pat Koenig of Jarvie was first, Joni Braglin of Westlock second, and Margaret Huff of Naino third in the noise section.

Dr. J. M. Howell, medical officer of health for the Sturgeon Health Unit, in announcing the results, said the general standard of entries in the mental health section was poor and indicated the need for more information and teaching on the subject. He said this would be brought to the attention of the Canadian Mental Health Association.



Mrs. and Mr. Neil Ross show some of the things they brought back from Japan, where they recently attended Lion Club's International Convention. Mrs. Sattie Ross wears a green kimono and Mr. Ross a red and black one, together with a black hat; everything is in pure silk.

Back home from Tokyo Convention

Three members of Lions Club in St. Albert, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Ross and the new president of the club, Rock Holman, recently returned from the Lions' International Convention in Japan.

The convention was held in Tokyo, where some 50,000 Lions members from all over the world gathered to discuss past problems and to prepare themselves for the work that lies ahead. The convention drew 221 members from district 37, mostly from Alberta and a few from Montana.

The St. Albert delegates also visited Osaka, where the next world exhibition is going to be held. Kyoto, Nagaya, Hong Kong and spent a lovely week in Tokyo's Jasper, Hakawai.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross brought back a lot of Japanese souvenirs, including a number of beautiful dresses, kimono's.

"As the Japanese people always sit down with crossed legs while eating, there's no way you can reach your pockets in a costume and get your cigarettes and other

things," says Mr. Ross.

"These wide sleeves are nothing but big pockets, which are very convenient to carry all your things in."

Among the other things Mr. and Mrs. Ross brought is a small TV-set with a screen not bigger than seven inches. It cost only \$80 in Japan.

"The thing we were most impressed by, was how ambitious, clean and nice the Japanese people seemed to be," says Mrs. Ross. "We saw only very few youngsters with long hair cuts and all of them have very good manners."

Mr. and Mrs. Ross participated in five previous International Conventions as representatives for St. Albert's Lions Club since 1957. Earlier they had attended conventions in San Francisco, Nice in France, Atlantic City, Toronto and Los Angeles.

"Quite often we have met the same people, who we made friends with during past conventions," says Mr. Ross. "This has been a very valuable thing, we feel."

fastball teams lose

St. Albert's two entries in the Sturgeon Fastball League found their season ended with the semi-finals.

St. Albert Drive-In bowed out in consecutive games to Spruce Grove, 11-1 and 3-2,

and St. Albert Texaco did likewise with Stony Plain, 10-1 and 8-4.

Spruce Grove and Stony Plain will meet in the best-of-three final next week.

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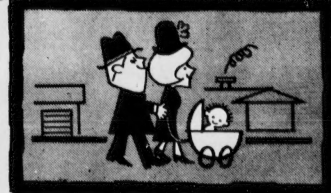
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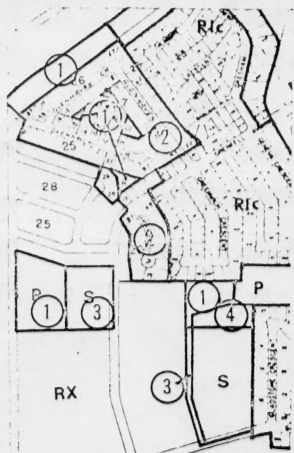
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- Area 3 be rezoned from Residential Comprehensive (RX) to School (S)
- Area 4 be rezoned from School (S) to Public Use (P)



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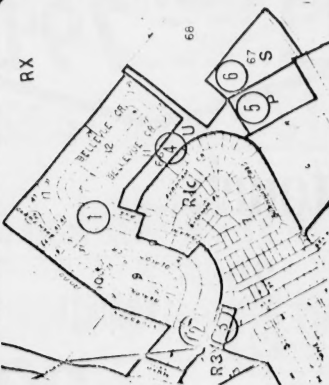
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Concert by Lions band

One of the biggest bands to visit St. Albert can be seen and heard in Lions Park, Monday, Aug. 11th. Between 6:30 and 7:30 the Saskatoon Lions Band plays under the direction of Mikel Kalmakoff.

The band has 74 members; 42 boys and 32 girls. When visiting St. Albert the band is on its way home from Kelowna, B.C., where they played during the opening of the regatta.

The concert is arranged by St. Albert Lions Club and is free of charge.

MEN'S SOCCER

The next games for the St. Albert Bruins will be on Thursday, Aug. 7, against the University of Alberta Golden Bears and on Friday, Aug. 8, against the City Police. Both games will be played at the grounds at Paul Kane at 6:30 p.m.

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SWIMMING

Because of the unusually large number of registrations in the evening sessions of swimming lessons, the adult swimming sessions, Monday through Friday, are from 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. and not 9 to 10:30 p.m. as before.

The Saturday adult session remains at 9 to 10:30 p.m. Public Swimming on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings is from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The pool is open to the public every morning, Monday through Friday, from 7 to 8:30 a.m.

Recently the pool has had to be closed on a number of occasions because of electrical storms. This is done for reasons of safety at the discretion of the supervisor and the pool staff.

Recreational swimming sessions for the handicapped and their families have been arranged. Inquiries may be made by phoning the department of parks and recreation at 599-6601.

What will probably be the last Bronze Medallion course of the season was scheduled to start on Tuesday, Aug. 5. There may still be possibility of accepting a few more registrations for this three-week course which costs \$4. Participants should report to the pool at 8:45 p.m. as soon as possible.

The Mile Swim which had to be cancelled last Sunday because of the weather will be held next Sunday, Aug. 10 at 9 a.m.

As announced last week, a combined Red Cross Examiners' clinic and instructors' refresher course will be held on Saturday, Aug. 9 at 8 a.m. (The public swimming session from 9 a.m. to 12 noon is cancelled for that day only.) Inquiries can be made at the pool where registrations are being taken. For the first time in the province, film loops will be used on the pool deck as part of the instructional program. This use of film loops will be discussed later in

the day during the session of lectures which will be held in the Clubhouse from 1 p.m. These lectures will include all aspects of examining - responsibilities, etc.

On Sunday, Aug. 10, an officials' clinic will be held at the swimming pool, start-

ing at 6:30 p.m. It will be run by Mr. Kennedy, a master official and representative of the C.A.S.A. Parents of members of the St. Albert

Swim Club have been notified of this important event and competitive teams in neighboring towns have been invited to participate.

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More on medicare from two MLA's

Dear Mr. Editor:

Further to my letter of July 21st, the Minister of Health, Mr. Henderson, has inaccurately stated that the Conservative Party is for-

mally on record as favoring compulsory medicare. This is obviously incorrect and misleading. We have made our position clear on a number of occasions over the past three years, and particularly our opposition to the compulsory feature of medicare. At the start of the 1969 Session I made the following specific statement as to our position on Medicare:

"Our position is clear. 1. We are opposed to compulsory Medicare.

2. We favor a medicare plan like British Columbia, voluntary, premium paid, subsidies for people on low incomes.

3. We believe MSI could still today - and it offered some time ago - best administer the Alberta Health Plan.

4. We believe the federal government plan was wrongly conceived in the terms of the provincial field and that we should in fact dispute the Plan in the Supreme Court.

5. That the Minister has not given valid explanations to the people of Alberta why we can't participate in voluntary plans as BC has."

During the 1969 Session when the Medicare bill was before the Legislature, Dr. Hugh Horner, Conservative MLA specifically requested the Minister of Health to amend the new medicare legislation so as to contain an opt-out clause to avoid the compulsory feature.

Mr. Henderson's statements regarding the comparative situation between British Columbia and Alberta are self-defeating. If Alberta had just slightly under the 90% population coverage under the former Alberta Health Plan as stated by Mr. Henderson - and as the Federal Medicare Act requires only 90% in the first year - then by following the British Columbia approach and incorporating existing medical plans (such as MSI) with the necessary revisions, we could have easily entered medicare on the same voluntary basis as British Columbia. Further, to argue that British Columbia's population is more concentrated in relation to a target of 90% of the population is obviously inaccurate. British Columbia, like Alberta, has significant population groups spread over the vast area of our respective provinces.

Peter Lougheed, MLA

Dear Mr. Editor:

Please allow me a little space in your paper to make some comments concerning the recent letter by Mr. Peter Lougheed in regards to Alberta Medicare.

In my estimation Mr. Lougheed is endeavoring to deliberately mislead the general public. It is true the federal government requires 90% of citizen participation the first year and 95% in subsequent years. Is this not the very feature which makes the program compulsory? If 89% of the Alberta citizens enrolled the first year and 94% the second year, does not Mr. Lougheed realize we would not qualify for medicare in this province with a loss of between 30 and 35 millions of dollars.

Mr. Lougheed states that only 4% of the citizens of British Columbia have chosen not to join the BC plan, perhaps because the rates are more attractive in that province. I will not argue with this figure although I cannot obtain substantiation of it anywhere, however Mr. Lougheed will recall the discussion that went on in the Legislature when the Hon. Dr. Ross introduced the legislation. We had to make up our mind for this year whether we would bring an additional provincial tax so we could lower the premium. It was the feeling of the majority of the legislators that it would be unwise to

royal assent without Peter Lougheed and his colleagues making one attempt to amend or modify the Legislation. If I am wrong would Mr. Lougheed provide the tape recording providing his statements in this regard.

In conclusion may I ask Mr. Lougheed how the Con-

servatives voted in the House of Commons when the vote was taken on Medi-Care. Everyone that was present (many were not voted in favor. Is this not where the compulsion took place?

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